

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 240453

50

ORIGIN EUR-03

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /004 R

66624

DRAFTED BY:EUR/NE:PFCANNEY

APPROVED BY:EUR/NE - WILLIAM BUELL

EUR/NE:MR. BUELL

----- 072438

R 011226Z NOV 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

S E C R E T STATE 240453

LIMDIS

FOL USNATO 5870 SENT ACTION SECSTATE SECDEF USCINCEUR USNMR SHAPE
USLOSACLANT CINCLANT ALL NATO CAPITALS OCT 23, 1974 REPEATED
TO YOU QUOTE

S E C R E T USNATO 5870

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NATO, MNUC

SUBJECT: INFORMAL NPG STAFF GROUP DISCUSSION OF NUNN AMENDMENT

SUMMARY. CDR MARTIN AND LT COL GOLDSTEIN (OFFICE OF ATSD (AE)) MET
INFORMALLY WITH NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) MEMBERS ON OCTOBER 17 TO
DISCUSS NUNN AMENDMENT. SG REPS' COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS PRIMARILY
CONCERNED RELATION OF AGREED NATO POLICY AND ONGOING NPG
WORK TO US STUDIES, AND WHILE RECOGNIZING US PREROGATIVES IN
MEETING A DOMESTIC CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENT, DEMONSTRATED
INTEREST OF ALLIES IN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE US. US OFFICERS ANSWERED
QUESTIONS IN GENERAL TERMS, EMPHASIZING THAT US STUDIES WERE
ONLY IN PRELIMINARY STAGES AND THAT THE US IS INTERESTED IN CON-
SULTING FULLY WITH THE ALLIES. SG REPS WERE PLEASED WITH OPPORTUNITY
FOR INFORMAL DIALOGUE WITH US OFFICERS.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 240453

END SUMMARY.

1. IS ORGANIZED INFORMAL MEETING OF NPG STAFF GROUP MEMBERS ON OCTOBER 17 TO MEET WITH CDR MARTIN AND LT COL GOLDSTEIN TO DISCUSS US NUCLEAR STUDIES REQUIRED BY THE NUNN AMENDMENT PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO PROVIDE STAFF GROUP MEMBERS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND SK QUESTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH FURTHER WORK ON NUNN AMENDMENT STUDIES.

2. UK REP SAID HE HOPED THE US STUDIES WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF PAST NPG WORK. HE NOTED THAT THERE WAS ALSO IMPORTANT ON-GOING WORK IN THE NPG, PARTICULARLY PHASE II OF THE FOLLOW-ON USE STUDY PROGRAM AND THE NPG TECHNOLOGY STUDY, WHICH WOULD SEEM ESPECIALLY RELEVANT, AND HE ASKED HOW U.S. STUDIES MIGHT RELLECT THEM. US OFFICERS SAID THAT US STUDIES WOULD DRAW FULLY ON PAST NPG WORK, AND SAID THAT ON-GOING NPG WORK WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL ALTHOUGH THEY RECONGIZED THAT NPG WOULD PROBABLY NOT COMPLETE SOME OF THIS WORK PRIOR TO THE APRIL 1, 1975 DATE FOR NUNN AMENDMENT REPORT TO CONGRESS. THEY SAID THAT THE US STUDIES WOULD BE A QUOTE SNAPSHOT UNQUOTE OF THE STATUS OF US THINKING ON THEATER NUCLEAR POLICY WHICH THEY DID NOT FORESEE AS BEING DEFINITIVE NOR ANSWERING ALL POSSIBLE QUESTIONS. THEY EMBHASIZED THE EVOLUTIONARY NATURE OF THEATER NUCLEAR POLICY AND THE NECESSITY FOR CONTINUING REVIEW IN THE US AS WELL AS IN NATO.

3. FRG REP (COL VON ALTENBURG FROM FRG MOD, WHO SAT IN ON MEETING) NOTED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THEATER NUCLEAR REDUCTIONS THAT ALLEGEDLY UNDERLIE THE US STUDIES. HE SAID HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT SOUND REASONS MAY EXIST TO REDUCE SOME OF THE STOCKPILE. BUT, HE SAID US AND NATO SHOULD BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO DOWNGRADE IMPORTANCE OF THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES BECAUSE OF THEIR POSSIBLE BARGAINING VALUE IN MBFR. FRG REP ALSO SAID THAT LANGUAGE OF NUNN AMENDMENT SEEMS TO SUGGEST THAT NATO HAS NO RATIONAL AND CREDIBLE POLICY FOR USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE SAID THAT THE NATO STRATEGY IN MC 14/3, AS WELL AS KEY POLICY DOCUMENTS DEVELOPED BY THE NPG SUCH AS THE INITIAL USE GUIDELINES AND CONCEPT FOR THE ROLE OF THEATER NUCLEAR STRIKE FORCES AS A SHOLE ESTABLISH POLICY WHICH THE ALLIES REGARD AS CREDIBLE AND AS AN IMPORTANT REFLECTION OF ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY. HE SAID HE HOPED THE US WOULD NOT IGNORE OR PROPOSE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES TO EXISTING NATO POLICY.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 240453

4. US OFFICERS AGREED THAT AN IMPORTANT BODY OF POLICY ALREADY EXISTED AND THAT THE NUNN AMENDMENT PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THE CONGRESS IN THIS AREA AND DISPELL MISCONCEPTIONS. US OFFICERS SAID THEY DID NOT FORESEE US REPORT RECOMMENDING FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES TO NATO STRATEGY AND POLICY.

5. UK REP INQUIRED ABOUT RECENT CHANGES IN US STRATEGIC EMPLOYMENT

POLICY AND WORK BEING CONDUCTED ON SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT PLANNING, AND THEIR IMPACT ON NUNN AMENDMENT STUDIES. HE NOTED THAT THE CONCEPT FOR THE ROLE OF THEATER NUCLEAR STRIKE FORCES PAPER STATED THAT POSSIBILITY OF QUOTE PREPLANNING UNQUOTE SELECTIVE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WAS LIMITED. US OFFICERS SAID THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAD DISCUSSED US EMPLOYMENT PLANNING WITH ALLIES AT BERGEN AND HE HAD CIRCULATED REMARKS ON THIS SUBJECT AT JUNE 14 DPC MEETING. THEY SAID THEY DID NOT SEE EITHER THIS PLANNING OR THAT UNDERWAY AT SHAPE AS FUNDAMENTAL DEPARTURE FROM NATO POLICY, BUT RATHER AS EVOLUTIONARY IMPROVEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED POLICY.

6. SEVERAL STAFF GROUP REPS ASKED WHAT KINDS OF INFORMATION ALLIES WOULD GET ON US STUDIES AND WHAT KINDS OF MECHANISMS FOR CONSULTATION THE US FORESAW. US OFFICERS EMPHASIZED THAT US STUDIES TO DATE WERE MAINLY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BACKGROUND DATA AND THAT US PLANS ON CONSULTATION HAD NOT BEEN WORKED OUT IN ANY DETAIL. HOWEVER, THEY EMPHASIZED US INTEREST IN CONSULTING FULLY WITH ALLIES.

7. SEVERAL STAFF GROUP REPS ACKNOWLEDGED HARD TASK BEFORE US AUTHORITIES IN PRODUCING A DIFFICULT REPORT IN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD. WHILE EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO CONSULTATIONS, THEY RECOGNIZED THAT US WAS PREPARING A NATIONAL REPORT OVER WHICH IT MUST RETAIN FINAL SAY, IN PRECISELY THE SAME WAY ANY OTHER ALLY WOULD DO IN MEETING PARLIAMENTARY REQUIREMENTS. THEY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT CONSULTATIONS WERE IMPORTANT TO ALLIES ON THIS SENSITIVE SUBJECT IN ORDER TO AVOID SURPRISES, TO UNDERSTAND US THINKING, AND TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR US AUTHORITIES TO TAKE ALLIED VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO TYPES OF CONSULTATIONS THE ALLIES MIGHT LIKE TO SEE, SG REPS SAID THEY, TOO, WERE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF THINKING THROUGH THIS QUESTION, BUT FELT THAT FURTHER DIALOGUES OF THIS SORT WITH
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 04 STATE 240453

US REPS WOULD SEEM TO BE VERY USEFUL.

8. US OFFICERS WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SUBJECT INFORMALLY WITH NPG REPRESENTATIVES. THEY SAID US WAS ANXIOUS TO TAKE ALLIED VIEWS FULLY INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARATION OF ITS REPORT FOR CONGRESS. THEY EMPHASIZED THAT SENATOR NUNN AND OTHERS BEHIND THE NUNN AMENDMENT WERE STRONG SUPPORTERS OF NATO AND OF THE DOD. THEY SAID THEY VIEWED THE REPORT REQUIRED OF SECDEF AS A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THIS CRITICAL ELEMENT OF THE QUOTE NATO TRIAD UNQUOTE WHICH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAS DISCUSSED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS WITH THE ALLIES.

9. MISSION COMMENT: IN OPINION OF MISSION OFFICERS PRESENT AT MEETING, CDR MARTIN AND LT COL GOLDSTEIN HANDLED QUESTIONS PUT

TO THEM BY SG REPS EXTREMELY WELL. SG REPS WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY
TO DISCUSS THIS IMPORTANT MATTER WITH THEM, AND WILL REGARD
MEETING AS A STEP IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS. MCAULIFFE
UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TROOP DEPLOYMENT, MEETINGS, NUNN AMENDMENT, FORCE & TROOP LEVELS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 NOV 1974
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: garlanwa
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE240453
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: EUR/NE:PFCANNEY
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740313-0460
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741178/aaaacolg.tel
Line Count: 173
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: garlanwa
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 OCT 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: WITHDRAWN <06 MAY 2002 by garlanwa, RDFRD, REFER TO DOE>; RELEASED <29 OCT 2002 by garlanwa>; APPROVED <29-Oct-2002 by garlanwa>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: INFORMAL NPG STAFF GROUP DISCUSSION OF NUNN AMENDMENT SUMMARY. CDR MARTIN AND LT COL GOLDSTEIN (OFFICE OF ATSD (AE)) MET
TAGS: PFOR, MNUC, NATO, NPG
To: STOCKHOLM
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005